

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-02-2
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**ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR FILING REPLY COMMENTS**

(Issued August 16, 2002)

On July 15, 2002, the parties in this proceeding, except for Keith Meyer, filed a Settlement Agreement which purported to resolve all of the outstanding issues related to MidAmerican Energy Company's (MidAmerican) request for a permanent increase in rates for natural gas service. Paragraph 199 IAC 7.2(11)"c" provides that a party that does not join in a settlement has 30 days to file comments contesting all or portions of the proposed settlement. On August 14, 2002, Keith Meyer filed comments.

Paragraph 199 IAC 7.2(11)"d" provides that parties to the settlement shall have 15 days within which to file a response. Because of the hearing schedule, the Board finds that the time for filing reply comments should be shortened. The Board will require reply comments to be filed on or before August 23, 2002.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Reply comments to respond to the comments of Keith Meyer shall be filed on or before August 23, 2002.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.